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REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION DATA SHEET

Sir:

Applicants request recapture of the application data sheet information by entry of the attached supplemental application data sheet. The requested corrections are shown thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION DATA SHEET

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The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form 1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

The submission of the references listed on the Form 1449 is for the purpose of providing a complete record and is not a concession that the references listed thereon are prior art to the invention claimed in the patent application. The right is expressly reserved to establish an invention date earlier than the above-identified filing date in order to remove any reference submitted herewith as prior art should it be deemed appropriate to do so.

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- () Copies of the non-U.S. patent references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are enclosed herewith.
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- () Charge Deposit Account No. 06-1135 in the amount of \$. (A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed for that purpose.)

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Instructions as to Overpayment

- () Credit Account No. 06-1135.
- () Refund

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